

# FSS NEWS

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## 2010 U.S. Census

### Why do we take the Census?

The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census shows state population counts and determines the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for each state. All residents of the United States are counted including people of all ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

### What's at Stake?

Census data is used for a variety of purposes including appropriating money to the state and local communities, apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and helping to guide and inform community decisions. Every year the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to the states and communities based partly on census data. Funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, child care, senior citizen centers and much more.

### BASIC ADVICE from the B.B.B. (Better Business Bureau)

Be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. How do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? When a worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice.

**ASK TO SEE AN ID. DO NOT GIVE SSN, CREDIT CARD, BANKING INFORMATION or DONATIONS. ACORN IS NOT ASSISTING THE U.S. CENSUS THIS YEAR.**

**Job Openings**

**1-866-306-8779**

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Win \$5 gift  
certificates

### African American History Month

#### Reading Contest

In the month of February Portland and Crescent Hill Libraries will host a reading contest.

**574-1744 / 574-1793 (call for details)**

### African American Art Project

**February 1 - 5**

**Okolona Library (all day event)**

**964-3515**

## “Start Your Own Business” Workshops

\* **Marketing Essentials for Your Small Business** - Feb 3rd from 6-8pm. **\$25**

Fenley Office Suites, 4965 US Hwy 42, Suite 1000 - Janet Sorg @ 574-1378

\* **Start Your Business Right** - Feb 4th from 9-11am or Feb 16th from 3-5pm **\$10**

NIA Center, 2900 W Broadway, 3rd floor - Janet Sorg @ 574-1378

\* **Developing Your Business Plan** - Feb 24th from 5:30-8:30pm **\$10**

First Capital Bank, 2735 Bardstown Rd. - Janet Sorg @ 574-1378

## ESL Classes - Consumer Economics

2010 ESL (English as a Second Language) Calendar at Bridges of Hope Neighborhood Place

**Orientation: February 23rd**

**Classes: March 1st through April 2nd**

Bridges of Hope (1411 Algonquin Pkwy)

**For details call: 485-3400**

## Office of Youth Development

The Office of Youth Development, Youth Service Worker Training Program provides **free monthly training** to youth service providers throughout Louisville Metro.

### **Grant Writing and Reporting**

February 17

810 Barret Ave 12pm-2pm

First Floor Conference Room #4

### **Program Development –Who, What,**

**When, Where and Why**

March 17

810 Barret Ave., 12pm-2pm

First Floor Conference Room

### **Youth Program Quality Assessment**

#### **Orientation**

April 21

810 Barret Ave., 12pm-2pm

First Floor Conference Room

### **Team Building**

May 19

810 Barret Ave., 12pm-2pm

First Floor Conference Room

**Please RSVP by email: [Rebecca.dejarnatt@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Rebecca.dejarnatt@louisvilleky.gov)**



## Free Assistance from Legal Aid

### **FORECLOSURE CLINICS**

416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd

**February 2 at 11am**

**February 4 at 5pm**

**February 9 at 11am**

**February 11 at 5pm**

**February 16 at 11am**

**February 18 at 5pm**

**February 23 at 11am**

**February 25 at 5pm**

**Register at 584-1254**

### **WILL CLINIC WITH COUNCELMAN KEVIN KRAMER**

Hunsinger Lane Baptist Church  
(3400 Summerfield Ln.)

**Register at 584-1254**

**February 6 at 9am**

Free Assistance drafting wills and other life-planning documents for low-income seniors and individuals living with a disability.

### **SMALL CLAIMS CLINIC**

**Register at 584-1254**

416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd

**February 10 at 2pm**

Forms will be provided to file a claim and an attorney will review completed claims.

### **DIVORCE CLINIC**

**Register at 584-1254**

416 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd

**February 19 at 10am**

Assistance with filling out paperwork to file for a divorce.

### **Louisville Free Public Library**

Enhance your computer skills, update your resume and job search at your local libraries.

Ongoing classes:

- Microsoft Access Basics
- Introduction to Excel
- Computer Basics
- Introduction to Word
- Resume Writing
- Career & Job Search Workshops
- Internet Basics
- Many more...

For details: <http://www.lfpl.org/events/>



*DREAM OF OWNING  
YOUR OWN HOME IN  
THE NEWBURG  
AREA?*

**The Newburg Weed & Seed**

**IDA Home Ownership  
Program**

**Mary Clark, IDA Specialist 719-7105**

February 15

**President's Day**

## EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) sometimes called the Earned Income Credit (EIC), is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the EITC exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who claim and qualify for the credit.

### You must meet the following EITC requirements:

**\*\*Must have a valid Social Security, \*\*You have earned income from employment or from self-employment, \*\*Your filing status cannot be married, filing separately, \*\*You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year, or a nonresident alien married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien and filing a joint return, \*\*You cannot be a qualifying child of another person, \*\*If you do not have a qualifying child, you must be age 25 but under 65 at the end of the year. Live in the U.S. for more than half the year, and not qualify as a dependent of another person, \*\*Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earned income) \*\*Can only have limited amount of investment income.**

**Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): \$43,279 (\$48,279 married) with three children; \$40,295 (\$45,295 married) with two children; \$35,463 (\$40,463 married) with one child; \$13,440 (\$18,440 married) with no children.**

**Maximum credit for tax year 2009: \$5,657 with three children; \$5,028 with two children; \$3,043 with one child and \$457 for no children.**

## VITA Sites 2010 ~ LABC Tax Service - FREE

LABC Services Tax Sites	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Louisville Urban League</b> 1535 W. Broadway, 40203 502.599.7655	4:00pm - 7:00pm		4:00pm - 7:00pm			10:00am - 3:00pm
<b>LABC Tax Services</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	4:00pm - 8:00pm			4:00pm - 8:00pm		10:00am - 2:00pm
<b>University of Louisville</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Portland Promise Center</b>  Louisville, KY 40203 502.776.2635	9:00am - 1:00pm 6:30pm - 9:00pm	9:00am - 1:00pm	9:00am - 1:00pm 6:30pm - 9:00pm	9:00am - 1:00pm	9:00am - 1:00pm 6:30pm - 9:00pm	9:00am - 2:00pm
<b>Americana Community Center, Inc.</b> 4801 Southside Dr., 40214 502.366.7813			5:30pm - 8:30pm			9:00am - 3:00pm
<b>Bates Community Develop Corporation</b> 1228 South Jackson Street, 40203 502.636.0573	4:00pm - 8:00pm		12:00pm - 6:30pm			11:00am - 6:00pm
<b>Center for Accessible Living</b> 305 W. Broadway, 40202  502.589.6620		1:00pm - 4:00pm For the Disabled Only Clients taken by appointment only			9:00am - 1:00pm For the Disabled Only Clients taken by appointment only	
<b>Louisville Central Community Center</b>  1300 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd, 502.583.8821		11:30am - 6:00pm		11:30am - 3:00pm		
<b>Presbyterian Community Center</b> 701 S. Hancock, 40203 502.584.0201		5:00pm - 8:00pm		5:00pm - 8:00pm	5:00pm - 8:00pm	9:00pm - 3:00pm
<b>Sun Valley Community Center</b> 6505 Bethany Lane, 40272 502.937.8802		9:30am - 7:00pm	9:30 am - 4:30pm	9:30am - 7:00pm		TBA
<b>Wesley House Community Services</b> 5114 Preston Hwy, 40213 502.968.8231					10:00am - 3:00pm	10:00am - 3:00pm